

County Commissioners Approve VRFPD for Ambulance Transport

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners, at their regular November 23 weekly meeting, voted to approve Order #65-2022, authorizing Metro West Ambulance Service to subcontract transport services to Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District (VRFPD).

The approval was voted on as part of the Board of Commissioner's Consent Agenda and did not include any discussion by the Commissioners.

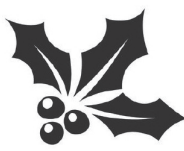
The approval to subcontract ambulance transport services was based on a request by VRFPD, in collaboration with Metro West Ambulance. It revises the Ambulance Service Area (ASA) franchise agreement with

Columbia County, currently held by Metro West Ambulance and set to expire on December 31, 2023, to provide ambulance transport services for Vernonia; Metro West sent the County Commissioners a letter of support for the request.

The revision to the current ASA, which was noted in the Order approved by the Board of Commissioners, was requested by VRFPD after they demonstrated service times in the Vernonia service area are being impacted by a lack of licensed personnel and volunteers to transport patients.

Under the terms of the franchise agreement, VRFPD will be required to become licensed by the Oregon Health Authority.

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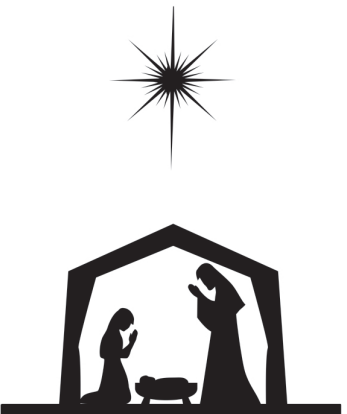
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